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RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, August 24, 2007 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 76.3 million pounds during July. This was up 9 percent from one year ago and up 2 percent from last month. For July, pork production was up but sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 364,100 head during July compared to 325,000 head the year before. Average live weight was 252 pounds, which was down 4 pounds from July 2006.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 800 head during July, the same as a year earlier. Average live weight was 117 pounds, which was down 5 pounds from July 2006.

Commercial slaughter data for cattle are not published.

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